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Board Agenda for January 27, 2023
Location; Rogers City County Commissioner's Room 11:00 am**

1. Call to Order
2. Public Comments
3. Approval of January 27, 2023 Agenda/Additions
4. Approval of December 15, 2022 Minutes
5. Welcome New County Commissioner
6. Monthly Reports and Expenditures
7. MCSSA District II Meeting Update
8. MCSSA Vice President/ Legislative Committee/ Development and Education Committee Updates
9. McLaren Behavioral Health coming to Cheboygan
10. Agency Updates
 - a.) Project One Day Metrics
 - b.) Handle with Care
 - c.) Public Health Emergency ending
11. Correspondence:
12. Next Meeting: Thursday, February 9 or 16, 2023

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Location; Rogers City County Commissioner's Room 11:00 am**

1. Call to Order
2. Public Comments
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4. Approval of January 27, 2023 Minutes
5. Welcome New County Commissioner
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7. MCSSA District II Meeting Update
8. MCSSA Vice President/ Legislative Committee/ Development and Education Committee Updates
9. MCSSA Legislative Conference Registration packet
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 - a.) Project One Day Metrics
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BOARD MEETING MINUTES January 27, 2023

Call to Order:

Members Present:

Meeting attended by Allan Bruder by phone, Cynthia Szymanski, Christine Johnson, Julie Waldron

Public Comments:

None

Approval of January 27, 2023 Agenda/Additions:

A motion was made by Cynthia to approve the agenda. Chris seconded. Motion carried.

Approval of December 15, 2022 Minutes:

A motion to approve the December 15, 2022 Minutes was made by Cynthia. Christine seconded. Motion carried.

Welcome New County Commissioner:

Mr. Wayne Saile is our new County Commissioner representative. He was unavailable for this meeting.

Monthly Reports:

The board was provided and reviewed the monthly reports.

MCSSA District II Meeting Update:

Cynthia attended the meeting on Thursday, January 26, 2023. The Gr8North Geo Group Directors presented information about their Geo Group. They also discussed the additional FAP Benefits being reduced from the maximum amounts back to family eligibility amounts. The additional FAP Benefits had been issued during the pandemic but will be ending February 28, 2023. Board members were asked to help educate Presque Isle citizens about this change effective with March Benefits.

Even with the change in meeting time to 11:00 am to encourage more MCSSA participation, attendance was very low with only 6 or 7 people in attendance. There was not a quorum.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 27, 2023 at 11:00 am. Board members discussed possibly suggesting moving the meeting location from Atlanta to another location. The meetings had previously been held in Gaylord for many years and had a much higher participation rate. The meeting was moved to Atlanta to accommodate members request for a location change, however, those members are still not attending. Board members are uncertain whether the change in attendance has to do with the actual location or whether interest in participating in person changed with the pandemic.

MCSSA Vice President/ Legislative Committee/Development and Education Committee Update:

Allan reported Dwayne Haywood participated in their meeting and discussed DHHS plans in addressing the increased workload that will be created by the PHE Medicaid Redeterminations that will begin June 1, 2023. Retirees are being recruited back to help with the workload, overtime will be approved, messaging to customers will be drafted to assist workers in helping customers with this change. Julie also reported that workers and clerical are being provided De-escalation training and Stress Management training to help prepare them for dealing with angry and frantic customers.

Demetrius Starling was not present at this meeting.

Charda Burton is the new Legislative Affairs Representative for DHHS. She was previously in this role and Allan believes she will be a positive asset for the Department. There was no specific legislation discussed at the meeting.

Michigan is at an all time low for the number of citizens getting cash assistance. Given the rate of inflation, cash assistance benefits are about 40% below where they should be.

There are 53 new House Representatives and 8 new Senate Representatives. However, there is not a new one for our area.

The Listen and Learn presentation was given by a man who was previously a member of a gang. He talked about his life which included fathering his first child at 14 and having another 6 kids by age 17. He spent many years in prison for armed robbery and then was given a second chance. He now holds 3 jobs to support his 7 kids, advocates for more social work supports in school systems, and working to pass a bill to provide additional supports to those released from prison.

March 13-14, 2023 is the Legislative Conference in Lansing. Participants will be given the opportunity to meet with Legislators from their area.

McLaren Behavioral Health coming to Cheboygan:

Julie provided a newspaper article regarding the Behavioral Health Unit opening in April, 2023. It will begin with an 18 bed adult in patient unit and a partial hospitalization program where adults will attend during the day and return home at night.

Phase 2 to include adding 12 beds as well as a partial hospitalization program for adolescents and an empath unit. An empath unit provides a calm, safe environment for 24 hours. There will be a medical team to help stabilize patients so they can safely return home without having to remain in the emergency room.

Agency Update:

Julie shared the most recent Project One Day Metrics data.

Handle with Care data not available for this meeting.

The Public Health Emergency remains continued until April with another determination to be decided at that time. Although a determination allowed the continuation of the PHE, MA redeterminations are approved to begin in June.

Correspondence:

None

Next Meeting:

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 17, 2023 at 11:00 am in the County Commissioner's Room

Allan Bruder

Cynthia Szymanski

Christine Johnson

Julie Waldron, Secretary